

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Lower Level – Room 40, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard

February 12, 2009

Present: Mark Thomas, Pat Igo, John Manning, Shari Taylor Wilsey, Lee Meyer, Susan Bartlett Foote, April Haas, Richard Faricy, Diane Trout-Oertel

Absent: Carole Kralicek (excused), Steve Trimble (excused), Carol Carey (excused), Paul Larson (excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong

BUSINESS MEETING

5:15

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- Approved as submitted. (Wilsey, Foote)

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- Approved as submitted. (Wilsey, Foote)

A. January 8, 2009 Annual Meeting

B. January 22, 2009 Permit Review/Public Hearing

III. PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW

A. **1225 Estabrook Drive, Marjorie McNeely (Como Park) Conservatory**, by Lunning Wende Associates, for a third preliminary review to construct an addition to the Como Conservatory along with a terrace, gardens and display benches.

Staff presented the staff report and described the process that has taken place. There was a lengthy discussion regarding four main unresolved items, including the fence type and placement, the plaza placement, the grading and the bonsai planters and placement. The architect, Bob Lunning and landscape architect, Frank Fitzgerald, were present and participated in the discussion. Bill Pesek from the Parks and Recreation Department was also present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. **46 East Fourth Street**, Minnesota Building, by The State Historic Preservation Office, for Certified Local Government Comment on the nomination of the building to the National Register of Historic Places.

Staff reported that four HPC members meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for architecture and that the four members were sent the nomination form for review. The four members are Larson, Faricy, Trout-Oertel and Meyer. All members concurred with the Significance Statement. The Chair asked if anyone was present to speak and a representative of the owner stepped forward and explained that the National Register listing would allow for the use of Historic Tax Credits to rehab the building. No one else was present to speak. The HPC voted 7 to 0 to support listing of the Minnesota Building to the National Register of Historic Places. Staff stated that a letter would be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office along with a letter from the Mayor.

V. HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEW

A. **519 Bay Street**, Historic Resource Review to advise City Council.

Staff presented a staff report with findings and a recommendation. The HPC voted 7 to 0 to adopt the staff findings and recommendation and forward that on to the City Council.

B. **301 Sturgis Street**, Historic Resource Review to advise City Council.

Staff presented a staff report with findings and a recommendation. The HPC voted 7 to 0 to adopt the staff findings and recommendation and forward that on to the City Council.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominate an Awards Committee to plan the 2009 Heritage Preservation Awards along with the St. Paul Chapter of the AIA.

Commission members Thomas, Trout-Oertel, Haas and Igo volunteered to participate in the 2009 Committee.

VII. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. January Design Review Statistics (submitted in packet)

VIII. ADJOURN 7:35

Submitted by: Amy Spong